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If you can look into the seeds of time and say which will grow, and which will not, speak then to me.—Shakespeare.

PRIMARY DAY A HOLIDAY?

Two strongly contradictory voices are heard in the discussion of the question of declaring primary day, September 12, a legal holiday. The general public, a number of the large business houses and businessmen, the political managers and candidates, urge that the governor declare a holiday. On the other hand, the retail business houses and a number of other businesses are opposing a holiday with vigor and with plenty of reason from their standpoint. They argue that September 12 is Saturday, the heaviest day of the week in the retail trade, that there are already two holidays in September, and that, even if they should close their shop-doors, there would be innumerable Oriental stores keeping open and thus trade would be diverted to these latter.

The question must be viewed from a territory-wide, not a city-narrow standpoint. It is not only in the city and county of Honolulu that an election—and a very important election—is to be held. It is all over the territory. What is best for all Hawaii? What will best conserve public welfare, what will best promote public interests?

From this standpoint we believe that there can be only one answer—a legal holiday—so that every voter shall have a chance to go to the polls. It is recognized that the new primary law places much more than ordinary responsibility on the individual voter, and it is recognized also that the voter will have some difficulty with the new law and the new form of ballot, requiring more time than usual.

But the declaration of a legal holiday does not mean that the retail businesses must close their doors. The banks must close, but not the retail trade houses, which are the ones most largely represented in the petition against a legal holiday. They can keep open and in view of the publicity given to their side of the case, the public will appreciate that their keeping open is not out of any desire to run contrary to the spirit of a legal holiday but arises from a peculiar combination of circumstances which means serious loss of business if they shut up shop all day.

A holiday legally declared will guarantee the voter the right and the time to cast his ballot; it need not necessarily mean the closing down of all retail business in Honolulu east of Nuuanu street.

TAKING TIME BY THE FORELOCK

The proposal made to the Chamber of Commerce by C. G. Bockus that Hawaii should set its clock one hour ahead and thus move its working day up one hour should receive serious consideration. Of course there will be facetious remarks made about the plan but after they have been aired attention should be given to its many commendable features. A man who goes to work now at 8 o'clock and sits at 5 would still go to work at the same hour by the clock—but he would find his afternoon lengthened one hour. Similarly with every other man, woman and child. The children would have longer playtime hours, with correspondingly less reason for being on the streets at night-time. One very strong argument in favor of the plan is that advantage could be taken of the early-morning coolness, so characteristic of Hawaii, and who does not know that one hour of work in the delightful freshness of early morning is worth two later in the day?

After a week or two there would be no perceptible difference between the old and the new day, except that Hawaii would find as by a miracle a longer afternoon to be devoted to wholesome exercise and recreation.

Some objections would probably be found—it sounds too easy to be immediately credible—but the proposal should be carefully canvassed as to its possibilities. One large American city, Cleveland, has already tried it with distinct success. Hawaii, with its splendid climate—peculiarly adapted for early-morning work—and its freedom from interstate time entanglements such as train-schedules and the like seems to offer unusual opportunities for a trial of the plan.

Mr. Bockus has proposed a new way of taking time by the forelock. Because it is new is no reason to dismiss it with a laugh or a shrug.

REMOVING JUDGE CLEMONS

Judge Clemons is not a perfect judge. None is. His court-room manner is not of the best; there are times when he appears hesitant. But his integrity is unquestionable and attorneys who have practiced before him know that he is a jurist whom they can respect for his demeanor as well as for his knowledge of the law. He is a student, a gentleman and a lawyer. The retiring attorney-general in demanding Judge Clemons' resignation says that it is not because of charges against him, but declines to specify what the reasons are that demand the removal of a jurist who has made good. If this is a political move, it is poor politics—certainly not the sort to elevate the Wilson administration in public esteem. If it is a move for other reasons, Hawaii is entitled to know why the enforced resignation of Judge Clemons is called for.

Robert W. Breckons' intimation at a meeting last night that the Star-Bulletin is supporting John K. Kamanoulu for the house because if elected he will be in a position to turn printing contracts toward this paper is an insult to the honesty and integrity of Kamanoulu and an uncalled-for slur against a Hawaiian candidate. It is a slur that Kamanoulu and his friends justly resent. Breckons would not make such a statement of a haole candidate but he thinks he can attack the honesty of a Hawaiian candidate and be safe from answer. He did it, of course, for political effect, but the effect is a boomerang. Instead of helping Kuhio's cause, he has injured it for he has shown himself as an abuser of Hawaiians.

The territorial grand jury in beginning a thorough investigation of the affairs and conduct of Waikiki Inn has the approval of the public as well as the authority of the first circuit judge. Several members of the police department rest under a cloud as the result of the rumors and half-statements passed around a few weeks ago when charges of "spiriting-away" an important witness were made to the license commission. If the charges, the rumors and the half-statements are true, immediate action to purge the police department should be taken. If they are untrue, the police officers should be publicly cleared of suspicion.

Charles N. Arnold of Ewa should be elected to the board of supervisors this year. He served on the board elected in 1910 and his conscientious and energetic work on that board was in marked contrast to the bickering, peanut politics and short-sighter personal maneuvering done by some other members. He was independent and his judgment was good. His familiarity with supervisory affairs, particularly with road-work, will be valuable on the next board. He will get a large vote both in the Fourth and Fifth districts.

With the appointments of Judges Edings and Ashford and talk of bench appointments for Joseph Lightfoot and A. S. Humphreys it might be construed that the U. S. attorney-general and President Wilson are combining to deprive Jeff McCann of counsel. The survivor of his quartet of defenders—should the Lightfoot appointment materialize—will be J. A. Magoon.

The general public hopes that the Oahu League will settle its baseball troubles by retaining Umpires Stayton and Bruns with entire support. Their presence on the field is a guarantee that the games will be well conducted.

Another feature for the Promotion Committee to boost to the tourists as an addition to the world's seven wonders will be "Honolulu's sugar-coated" highways.

An expert on sugar forecasts an average price for raws for next year of 5 1-2 cents. Thumbs down for pessimism!

Judge Ashford takes exception to the indeterminate sentence. Especially when it includes a split infinitive.

Germany expects to take care of Russia after smashing the Allies on the west. It's a large contract.

The judge who suits everybody would not be on a bench—he would be in a museum.

Four more days to register.

Letters on TIMELY TOPICS

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space for anonymous communications.)

GETTING THE "CITS."

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin: Sir: I have seen, but very little from the public regarding citizen tags for the soldiers on Oahu since the live wire talks on "The soldier in Oahu in general, and his desire to wear civilian clothes," at the Ad Club lunch a few weeks ago.

If it is possible to bring about that much desired condition of affairs regarding the local soldier only through the assistance of the public, it is a great pity that the talk made by Sergeant Eby at the Ad Club lunch on August 12, cannot be reproduced and scattered broadcast. His argument for "cits" was convincing. It was helpful to those who would like to assist the soldier in getting the privilege of wearing "cits" when off duty. His talk also pointed out the best way to go about such a problem.

If there is any objection to a proposition put forth by an American he generally wants to know "why." Now, then, why should not the soldier on Oahu be allowed the privilege of wearing "cits" when he visits this city? If there really exists an undefinable something that causes the civilian to avoid contact with the man who wears a khaki uniform, and that same man in a dress of "cits" should and would command the respect of all fellow-citizens, then let's remove the cause of that feeling if it is possible, and some wise guy once said that all things were possible. I am not sure just how to go about such a problem, but if somebody else will start it going I will pull with the rest, and keep pulling till we have pulled the desired permission from the war authorities at Washington.

BOOSTER.

THE MAYORALTY SITUATION.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin: Sir—At the Republican meeting held on Thursday evening at the Liliuokalani school three of the Republican candidates for mayor addressed the meeting. The fourth was off on his own hook somewhere. Mr. Charles Hustace, Jr., laid his claim to the nomination on his experience on the board of supervisors seven years ago and his 25 years of banking experience in Honolulu. Mr. Lane's only recommendation was his term of service in the territorial senate several years ago. Had Mr. Cohen been present the only public record he could have quoted was his term of service in the house of representatives five years ago.

Now, to the man on the street, no recommendations offered by Hustace and Cohen can wipe away the political stigma they brought upon themselves when they bolted the Republican party and helped to destroy it by publicly declaiming from the stump that should the people not care to vote for them, to vote for the opposition. That has sunk in too deep to be forgotten in a day. Mr. Lane makes no apology for his string of defeats except to declare that they were by very small margins. Now Mr. Editor, a miss is as good as a mile, and for goodness sake let us put up a distance board for once, one that can go the distance and win. If the Republicans are sincere in their desire to put a Republican mayor in office, they cannot get away from Murray. Cohen, Hustace and Lane cannot carry the election. Supposing one of them should, I will give you some food for thought. Paint a picture in your mind of either of the gentlemen as mayor, a brand new board of supervisors, a new attorney perhaps, a new auditor perhaps, a brand new house of representatives, some new timber in the senate and let me know where the city is going to get off at in the matter of urgent and pressing legislation. The board will not be in a position to go to the legislature for the reason that they sit just a month in advance of them and it surely takes at least six months to grasp the municipal situation; the house of representatives where all legislation necessarily arises know nothing of the needs of the city and either of the three gentlemen as mayor knowing still less would only make himself ridiculous if he attempted anything like municipal reform without a thorough knowledge of municipal affairs, and this can only be acquired by previous experience. We have no alternative then but to vote for Mr. Murray. His term as supervisor of the last board gave him the necessary insight into municipal affairs. He would be in a position to go to the legislature the

day they met with concrete plans for municipal legislation. His experience on the board where he served as leader gave him, if I do not miss my cue, a practical idea of amendments that must be made to our municipal act. He must know more about the general situation than either of the others. We must have a man at the head of this city who will see to it that every function of government appertaining to it is vested in it by legislation. He must have the courage to propose legislation tending to vest the city with the ownership of every public utility. Now who is best qualified? We are lead to infer that none of the candidates are altogether satisfactory, but the fact remains that if we are to have a Republican mayor we must have the best qualified. I claim that man to be Murray. It is surely not his fault that he is so isolated at this time as against the other three. We have had two years of prospective candidates to declare themselves. Where are the men who have shouted for reform? Mr. Murray stated that his idea was that politics is composed of just about equal parts of comprehension and sympathy, and while he does not appear to be much of a sympathy getter, he has a better comprehension of the subject than any of the other candidates. If he is turned down at the primary and Fern is returned in November it will not be for his lack of comprehension of the subject, but on the contrary, the sympathy of the masses will extend to Fern for his absolute ignorance of it.

ANOTHER VOTER.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—JAMES FRIELE: The reports sent out by the London news bureau read like they were penned by a man suffering from writer's cramp.

—M. A. THOMAS: I am glad to say that I now have the business of the district attorney's office fairly well in hand. The first thing that came to light was the necessity of calling a meeting of the federal grand jury.

—CARL NEIPPER: Before leaving the coast, I noted that the moving picture camps around Los Angeles had put in busy week. Their pictures will show a heavy loss of life in all decisive battles along the Belgian border.

—LOYD R. KILLAM: Every man in Honolulu, whether or not he is a church member, should attend the mass meetings in the Empire theater tomorrow evening. There will be special music, and Col. Blanche B. Cox, head of the Salvation Army, will have an important message to deliver.

Personal Mention

J. N. S. WILLIAMS of Maui was numbered with the returning passengers in the Inter-Island steamer Mauna Kea this morning.

GEORGE R. CARTER is back from a political tour of the island of Maui, returning this morning as a passenger in the steamer Mauna Kea.

MRS. E. FAXON BISHOP was numbered with the departing passengers for the mainland in the Oceanic liner Sierra that sailed for San Francisco at noon today.

W. A. SIMS, who made a tour of the island of Hawaii, returned in the Mauna Kea this morning and took passage for the coast in the Oceanic liner Sierra at noon today.

H. M. DOUGHERTY, for the past year superintendent of the local office of the J. G. White Engineering Company of New York City, which company has handled the construction of the Marconi wireless stations at Koko Head and Kahuku, left for the mainland in the Sierra this morning. Mr. Dougherty plans to remain in San Francisco for a few weeks, after which he will proceed to New York.

FRANCIS McLEAN, head of the American Association for the Organization of Charities, will arrive in Honolulu from New York City early this fall, according to information which has been received by local social workers. Primarily, Mr. McLean is coming here to organize the work of the Associated Charities and to assist, if necessary, other societies in the betterment of their work.

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ALLEGED MURDERER CAPTURED AT KONA

HILO, Aug. 28.—Toloyji Endo, the Japanese who is alleged to have murdered his wife at the mill camp, Honokaa, last Monday night, is under arrest at Kona and Sheriff Pua has gone over to bring the man to Hilo. The rapid manner in which the alleged murderer crossed the country from Honokaa to Kona is causing some surprise as he is of a conspicuous character as regards looks and could hardly be missed by anyone who had heard of his description. He is small in stature, baldheaded, has no front teeth and possesses very high cheek bones. It was this description, telephoned to all the outlying districts that finally led to his arrest in Kona. The Japanese had evidently made his way on foot, through the less frequented districts to Kona. He was captured while in a store endeavoring to get some food.

When the sheriff investigated the crime at Honokaa he found that a purse that belonged to the dead woman had been cut open and the money it contained stolen. This action on the part of the murderer made those who knew of the robbery, scout the idea that the man had committed suicide in some cane field after killing the woman.

Sheriff Pua is expected back from Kona tomorrow or Sunday and Endo will then be charged at the local court.

An ash can to which a handle can be attached to convert it into a lawn roller has been patented.

W. E. MILES IS NAMED MANAGER FOR DEMOCRATS

Urges Against Raising Race Issue as Kuhio Supporters Are Now Doing

William E. Miles, secretary to the mayor and an active and energetic Democrat, was named Democratic campaign manager at a meeting of Bourbon candidates at headquarters yesterday afternoon.

Thirty-two Democrats were present and Miles was the unanimous choice. After the meeting it was given out that nothing but harmony prevailed and that all factions were ignored. J. J. Fern, Lester Petrie and M. C. Pacheco were named as a campaign committee to work with Miles.

The new manager warned the candidates and the Democrats in general against raising the race issue, as it is stated the Kuhio supporters are doing in the Republican campaign. Miles declared that if the race issue was raised in the Democratic party he would quit the managership. He urged each candidate to work and solicit votes for themselves individually without knocking others.

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